

Red Tree Symposium: Draft Agenda

Thursday, June 5th 2008

Missoula, Montana

- 9:00 Opening remarks
Perry Brown, Dean, College of Forestry & Conservation, University of Montana
- 9:05 Welcome and introduction
Mary Sexton, Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- 9:10 Governor's Keynote Address
Brian Schweitzer, Governor, State of Montana

Bark Beetle Ecology: moderated by Amy Gannon, DNRC

- 9:30 Bark beetles: What they do and why they do it
Diana Six, Professor of Forest Entomology & Pathology, University of Montana
- 10:00 Montana's Dynamic Forests
Steve Arno, Research Forester (retired), US Forest Service
- 10:30 coffee break (hosted)
- 10:50 Historic conditions and current status
Sandra Kegley, Entomologist, USFS Forest Health Protection Coeur d'Alene
- 11:20 Bark Beetles in the West: Natural Cycle or Ecological Disaster?
Jesse Logan, Research Entomologist (retired), US Forest Service
- 12:00 Luncheon (hosted)

Resources at Risk: moderated by Martin Twer, Montana State University Extension

- 1:00 Impacts of bark beetles on grizzly bears and wildlife species
Louisa Willcox, Senior Wildlife Advocate, Natural Resource Defense Council
- 1:30 Log prices and wood values – the forest products economy
Loren Rose, Controller, Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc.
- 2:00 Impacts of bark beetles on local communities: Collaboration is Key
Gary Severson, Executive Director, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments
- 2:30 coffee break (hosted)

Management Options: moderated by Christopher Keyes, University of Montana

- 2:45 Reducing bark beetle caused mortality: Any hope at all?
Ken Gibson, Entomologist, US Forest Service Forest Health Protection Missoula
- 3:25 We can do this! Ground-level view of forest restoration and biomass energy
Craig Thomas, Forester, Missoula
- 3:55 Innovative operations in forest biomass harvesting
Beth Dodson, Assistant Professor of Forest Engineering, University of Montana
- 4:25 Colorado's Legislative Approach to Bark Beetles
Daniel Gibbs, State Senator, State of Colorado
- 4:55 Closing remarks
- 5:00 Adjourn